GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Goods Wagons
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of goods wagons for transporting coal within the country, zone-wise;

(b) the total number of goods wagons actually required for transporting the coal;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the production of goods wagons for transporting coal and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to keep goods wagons exclusively for the transportation of coal in order to ensure that the transportation of coal is not delayed to its destinations due to shortage of wagons and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) Transportation of coal is predominantly done in BOXN and BOBR types of open wagons. As on 30th November 2016, around 1.23 lakh BOXN wagons and 0.16 lakh BOBR wagons were available with Indian Railways. The actual holding of BOXN and BOBR wagons on various Zonal Railways changes on day to day basis as per the movement and demand pattern.
(b) The availability of wagons for loading and transportation of coal has been adequate for meeting the current demand.
(c) Wagon production is planned yearly by Indian Railways on the basis of the expected demand for transportation of commodities. During 2016-17, production of 8050 number of BOXN wagons and 482 number of BOBR wagons is targeted.
(d) General purpose wagons like BOXN wagons are utilized for transportation of bulk commodities like minerals and ores, including coal. The prevalent arrangement in which general purpose wagons are not being reserved for transportation of any particular commodity has worked satisfactorily over the years. Given the critical importance of coal in the national economy, this traffic segment is normally accorded a relatively higher priority in supply of rakes over other bulk commodities. Further, BOBR wagons are generally dedicated for loading and transportation of coal traffic only.
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